



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR SIXTH FORM ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2021

External applicants are asked to complete the online School Information Form **SIXTH FORM ENTRY 2021**, available on the school website: www.parmiters.herts.sch.uk. The Sixth Form Open Evening, for our current Year 11 and external candidates, will be held on **Thursday 22 October 2020**. **THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES IS: 1 DECEMBER 2020**.

All students applying to enter the Sixth Form need to achieve a minimum of 33 points in their six best full-course GCSE results. We would normally expect students to achieve a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language. Students also need to achieve the minimum entry requirement for each A level subject they wish to take. These are detailed on the school website. Where a student has taken qualifications that are not graded on a scale of grade 1 to grade 9, the Department for Education equivalent point scores will be used to ascertain if they meet the criteria.

The annual Sixth Form admissions number for external students is 50.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of academically qualified external applications exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which students to admit:

1. "Children Looked After"¹, "Children Previously Looked After"² or "Children in Public Care"³. A "looked after child" or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order⁴. This criterion will apply to children looked after and children who were previously looked after, including those who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order.

¹ A "child looked after" is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social service functions (see definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

² Priority will be given to children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order.

³ Places are allocated to children in public care according to Chapter 7, Section 2 of the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012.

⁴ An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 Adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 Adoption orders) Children Act 2002. A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by Section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

2. A statement of the applicant's predicted grades will be requested from the Headteacher of their school. Applicants are placed in rank order on the basis of their top six full-course GCSE grades. Conditional offers are then made to the students ranked highest and on the basis of space in each A level subject.

Places will be offered using the oversubscription criteria until planned capacity in a given subject or course is reached and the school reserves the right to refuse access to subjects when planned classes are full.

After GCSE results day in August 2021, subjects for which there are still vacancies will be advertised on the school website. The Head of Sixth Form will receive any further applications from new candidates or from those who have applied and not received an offer at that point.

PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL AGAINST NON-ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL AND SHOULD EMAIL SCHOOL.APPEALS@HERTFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK IF THEY WISH TO START THE APPEALS PROCESS.